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PATENT

Docket No.: 16869P-030800US  
Client Ref. No.: 340001423US1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Hiroshi KOIZUMI, et al.

Application No.: 09/944,940

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
STORING DATA

Examiner: Woo H. Choi

Art Unit: 2186

**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 30, 2004, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-5 and 14-18) without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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